*To Kill a Mockingbird* \*\*\*Due on Thursday, November 1\*\*\*

Reading Log 10

Chapters 20-22: Pages 199-217

**Before Reading…**

*Vocab*: Find the words below in a dictionary and write their definitions down.

* corroborative (pg. 202): “absence of any **corroborative** evidence”
* aridity (pg. 203): “its **aridity**, its detachment”
* iota (pg. 203): “one **iota** of medical evidence”
* circumstantial (pg. 204): “there is **circumstantial** evidence”
* unmitigated (pg. 204): “had the **unmitigated** temerity”
* temerity (pg. 204): “had the unmitigated **temerity**”
* tacit (pg. 208): “Calpurnia nodded **tacit** consent”
* scuppernongs (pg. 213): “salt pork, tomatoes, beans, even **scuppernongs**”
* feral (pg. 214): “made a **feral** noise in his throat”

*Review*: Write 2-3 sentences for the questions below.

* In Chapters 18-19, the court heard testimony from the accuser, Mayella Ewell. What made her story convincing? When did she sound unreliable?

**After Reading…**

*Author’s Thoughts*: Explain what the following quotes mean and why the author included them.

* “Atticus says cheatin’ a colored man is ten times worse than cheatin’ a white man… says it’s the worst thing you can do” (pg. 201).
* “The witnesses for the state, with the exception of the sheriff of Maycomb County, have presented themselves to you gentlemen, to this court, in the cynical confidence that their testimony would not be doubted, confident that you gentlemen will would go along with them on the assumption – the evil assumption – that *all* Negroes lie, *all* Negroes are basically immoral beings…” (pg. 204).
* “But there is one way in this country in which all men are created equal… that institution, gentlemen, is a court… Our courts have their faults, as does any human institution, but in this country, our courts are the great levelers, and in our courts, all men are created equal” (pg. 205).
* “I looked around. They were standing. All around us and in the balcony on the opposite wall, the Negroes were getting to their feet” (pg. 211).
* “… as I waited I thought, Atticus Finch won’t win, he can’t win, but he’s the only man in these parts that can keep a jury out so long in a case like that. And I thought to myself, well, we’re making a step – it’s just a baby-step, but it’s a step” (pg. 216).